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- TAN Cheng Lock* and CHEONG Thutt Pitt, Provisional President of the Singapore Branch of the Malayan Chinese Association (MCA), visited Commissioner General Malcolm MacDonald recently to discuss the establishment of a Singapore Branch of the MCA.
- 2. TAN urged MacDonald to support the MCA movement in Singapore so that it may assist Singapore officials in checking the spread of synpathy for the Chinese Communist Party among resident Chinese.
- 3. CHEONG is ambitious, and he apparently hopes to become a member of the Les Legislative Council through the support of the MCA.
- 4. LEE Kuan Yew, also known as Harry LEE, and Miss KW.A Geok Choo, Chinese students who have been in the United Kingdom as students, and who have been described as extremely anti-British returned to Singapore on 1 August 1950 on the ovessel ILLEM RUYS.
- 5. Since July, 1750, the Nan Chiau Jit Pao has published articles and comments on the activities in Djakarta, Hong Kong, and China of the Communist world Peace Campaign. There have been no indications to date that this campaign has been receiving support in Singapore. Recent raids on the Singapore Chinese High school and the Nanyang Girls' School may have kept other schools in which there are leftist factions, such as the Yoke Eng School, from openly supporting this movement.
- 6. The Mayfair Musical and Dramatic Association, which heretofore has been quick to endorse Chinese Communist-sponsored movements, has refrained from any comment on the campaign to date. Readers of this paper who belong to the TaN Kah Kee faction probably endorse the campaign. Unquestionably, the Government's action in passing new Emergency Regulations to control the press and publications has kept certain leftist elements from giving open support to this movement.

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a recent report in which the activities of TAN Cheng Lock were described, it was stated that TAN may be the top Communist leader in Malaya.

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